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Docket **R0066C-DIV**

1. Amendment (37 CFR §1.111)

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	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	<b>Allard, John David <i>et al.</i></b>
	<b>Application Number</b>	<b>10/667,281</b>
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	<b>Group Art Unit</b>	<b>1656</b>
	<b>Examiner Name</b>	<b>Moore, William W.</b>
	<b>Title</b>	<b>Human aggrecanase and nucleic acid compositions encoding the same</b>

AMENDMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.111)

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on September 19 2005, for which a three month statutory period was set for reply. Applicants request a one month extension of time for reply pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a). Please charge Applicants' deposit account No. 18-1700 for the requisite fee according to 37 CFR §1.17(a)(1).

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